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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: S. Bos

Serial No.: 09/744,237

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Filed: February 23, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING PARTICLE SIZE IN A BAYER CIRCUIT
PRECIPITATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING AN AGGLOMERATION PHASE

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23,
2002, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel page 22 of the application as filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in
the attached appendix:

7. (Amended) In a BAYER circuit including a preliminary
agglomeration phase, a crystal growth phase and a
classification phase, a process for controlling precipitation
of alumina hydrate from a slurry resulting from introduction